Unit 9 : Comparing Numbers

Friendly Notes

More or Less

We can compare numbers by counting, matching, or subtracting.

There are more bees than flowers.
There are fewer flowers than bees.

How many more bees than flowers are there?
Let us subtract to find the answer.

There are 7 bees.
There are 5 flowers.

7 − 5 = 2

7 is 2 more than 5.
5 is 2 less than 7.

There are 2 more bees than flowers.
There are 2 fewer flowers than bees.
We see that:

2 more than 5 is 7.
\[5 + 2 = 7\]

2 less than 7 is 5.
\[7 - 2 = 5\]